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Southrop C of E Primary

Together We Can Fly!

The summer term is always a lovely time in school. After SATs are over the Year 4s, 5s and 6s will be off for a residential to the Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean, along with pupils from Bibury and North Cerney schools. Activities include a wildlife safari, orienteering, crate stacking, a night walk and a campfire.

We are looking forward to the prospect of getting out onto the field twice a week, hopefully in the sunshine, for more outdoor sports opportunities. In addition we are keen for all our pupils to experience some alternative sports. Year 4, 5, and 6 are learning to fence. Year 2 and 3 children will be completing 'Scooter Wise', a programme which helps children ride a scooter safely so that they can enjoy the freedom and fun. Scooters help improve coordination and enable children to learn how to balance using their weight. Reception and Year 1 will start Balanceability, a programme designed to help children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently.

In the Swan classroom the topic this term is the Crime and Punishment. We will research some criminals from the past and decide whether they were fairly treated by today's standards. We will also learn about the different kinds of criminal courts that people could face, from the Anglo-Saxon times to the present day, and undertake re-enactments of trials. This topic involves lots of role-play and debate, which should be good preparation for the Year 5&6s, who are competing in the Mock Trial competition in Cheltenham in June. We are also planning a visit to Oxford Castle and Prison.

The Cygnets are in for a treat next term as we delve into Queen Victoria's 63 year reign and explore the differences between Victorian Britain versus Britain today. We will also visit Sevrington Victorian School in Wiltshire, to find out what it was really like to be a school child in these times.

We are very grateful to our PTA who have been busy over the Easter break refurbishing our wildlife garden, which will be open for the Southrop open gardens. We would also like to thank David Chapman and Kathy Newton for the time they have spent with the team preparing for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz.